

Notice of General Election

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2020 at the polling places in the election precincts of Buffalo County, Nebraska; a General Election will be held. The polls will open at 8 a.m. CST and close at 8 p.m. CST. Said election will be for electing candidates to various offices and for such issues as stated. Some races will not appear on your General Election ballot as the candidates are elected by specific subdivisions, districts or ward. The Secretary of State will publish a true copy of the title and text of any amendment or referendums once a week for three consecutive weeks preceding the election.

Presidential Ticket		
For President and Vice President of the United States		
Vote for ONE	Four Year Term	
Donald J. Trump/Michael R. Pence	Republican	
Joseph R. Biden/Kamala D. Harris	Democratic	
Jo Jorgensen/Jeremy Cohen	Libertarian	

Senatorial Ticket		
For United States Senator		
Vote for ONE	Six Year Term	
Republican	Democratic	Libertarian
Ben Sasse	Chris Janicek	Gene Siadek

Congressional Ticket		
For Representative in Congress District 3		
Vote for ONE	Two Year Term	
Republican	Democratic	Libertarian
Adrian Smith	Mark Elworth Jr.	Dustin C. Hobbs

County Ticket		
For County Board of Commissioners		
District 2	Vote for ONE	Four Year Term
Ron Loeffelholz	Republican	
District 4	Vote for ONE	Four Year Term
Daniel L. Lynch	Republican	
District 6	Vote for ONE	Four Year Term
Bill McMullen	Republican	
Elect or Appoint County Surveyor Buffalo County, Nebraska		

Shall the position of elected County Surveyor be eliminated and replaced by the position of appointed County Surveyor?

☐ For election of County Surveyor

☐ Against election of County Surveyor

Explanation: The County Surveyor is currently an elected position. If a majority of voters vote against this being an elected position, County Surveyor will become a position appointed by the Buffalo County Board of Commissioners pursuant to their supervision and the needs of the County. If a majority of the voters vote for the election of County Surveyor this will remain an elected position. A vote “For election of County Surveyor” will mean this position remains elected. A vote “Against election of County Surveyor” means this will become an appointed position.

Permit Operation of Keno in Unincorporated Areas Buffalo County, Nebraska
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Shall Buffalo County, Nebraska, in the unincorporated areas of the County, permit the operation of Keno Lottery, pursuant to the Nebraska County and City Lottery Act, all as allowed pursuant to NEB.REV.STAT. §9-601, *ET. SEQ.*?

☐ For operation of lottery

☐ Against operation of lottery

NonPartisan Ticket		
<b>For Member of the Legislature District 37</b>		
Vote for ONE	Four Year Term	
John S. Lowe Sr.	Mercadies Damratowski	
<b>Judge of the Nebraska Workers' Compensation Court</b>		
<b>Statewide</b>		
Shall Judge Thomas E. Stine be retained in office?		
Shall Judge Dirk V. Block be retained in office?		
<b>Judge of the District Court - District 9</b>		
Six Year term		
Shall Judge John H. Marsh be retained in office?		
<b>Judge of the County Court – District 9</b>		
Six Year term		
Shall Judge Alfred E. Corey III be retained in office?		
Shall Judge Arthur S. Wetzel be retained in office?		
<b>Central Community College For Board of Governors</b>		
Vote for ONE	Four Year Term	
District 2	Linda J. Heiden	
District 3	Sandra Borden	
At Large	Sam Cowan	
<b>Central Platte Natural Resources District</b>		
<b>For Board of Directors</b>		
Vote for ONE	Two Year Term	
Subdistrict 4	Lon Bohn	
Vote for ONE	Four Year Term	
Subdistrict 2	Dwayne Margritz	
Subdistrict 3	Marvion Reichert Jr.	
Subdistrict 4	Eric S. Davis	
Subdistrict 5	Jim Bendfeldt	
Subdistrict 6	Michael Reynolds	
<b>Lower Loup Natural Resources District</b>		
<b>For Board of Directors</b>		
Vote for ONE	Four Year Term	
Subdistrict 3	Todd Nitsch	
<b>Dawson Public Power District</b>		
<b>For Board of Directors</b>		
Vote for ONE	Six Year Term	
Buffalo Subdivision	Craig Wietjes	

NonPartisan Ticket continued	
Educational Service Unit 10 – District 6	
Vote for ONE	Four Year Term
No filings	
School Tickets	

<b>Amherst Public School District 119</b>		
<b>For Board of Education</b>		
Vote for up to THREE		Four Year Term
<u>Ryan G. Fisher</u>	<u>Terry Abbott</u>	<u>Jess Day</u>
<b>Ansley Public School District 44</b>		
<b>For Board of Education</b>		
Vote for up to THREE		Four Year Term
<u>Peter Cunningham</u>	<u>Tim Loy</u>	<u>Jaimee Bailey</u>
<b>Centura Public School District 100 Ward 1</b>		
<b>For Board of Education</b>		
Vote for ONE		Four Year Term
<u>William Kemptar</u>		

Elm Creek Public School District 9		
For Board of Education		
Vote for up to THREE	Four Year Term	
Suzanne Brodine	Morgan Fouts	
J.C. Ourada	Ryan Harbur	Lynette J. Mitchell

Gibbon Public School District 2		
For Board of Education		
Vote for up to THREE	Four Year Term	
Brian Kroll	Kimberly Wadkins	Michelle Eutsler

Kearney Public School District 7		
For Board of Education		
Vote for up to THREE	Four Year Term	
Kathy Gifford	Steve Gaasch	
Justin Simmons	Dave Brandt	

Pleasanton Public School District 105		
For Board of Education		
Vote for up to THREE	Four Year Term	
Lisa A. Nichols	Kelly Wentz	Justin Pierce
Bruce Loeffelholz	Seth C. Kucera	Trevor Sievert

Ravenna Public School District 69		
For Board of Education		
Vote for up to THREE	Four Year Term	
Marc Vacek	Tara Schirmer	Mike Voelker

Shelton Public School District 19	
For Board of Education	
Vote for up to THREE	Four Year Term
<u>Russ Muhlbach</u>	

Sumner-Eddyville-Miller Public School District 101		
For Board of Education		
Vote for up to THREE	Four Year Term	
Kirby D. Burden	Brock Elsen	Jana Hoos
Jennifer L. Anderson	Rachel Hrasky	Todd Ibach

City Tickets		
For Gibbon City		
	Vote for ONE	Four Year Term
Mayor	Johnathon Pearson	Deborah VanMatre
Ward I	Derrick Clevenger	
Ward II	Robert Krier	
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Proposal to Construct Fire Station & Issue Fire Station Bonds City of Gibbon, Nebraska		

Shall the City of Gibbon, Nebraska, construct municipal building improvements in and for the City, consisting of renovations and additions to the fire hall including additional bays, training area, community room and city hall, and borrow money and pledge the property and credit of the City upon its negotiable bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed TWO MILLION FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND AND NO/100 (\$2,500,000) for the purpose of constructing the municipal building improvements; said bonds to be dated and become due and payable, both principal and interest, on such date or dates as may be fixed by the Mayor and Council of the City at the time of their issuance and to bear interest at such rate or rates as shall be determined by the Mayor and Council of the City; and

Shall the City cause to be levied and collected annually, a special levy of taxes on the taxable value of all the taxable property in the City, and all other taxes, in an amount sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on said bonds, to the extent not paid from other sources, as such principal and interest become due?

☐ YES

☐ NO

A “Yes” Vote: If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be in favor, the City shall construct municipal building improvements in and for the City, consisting of renovations and additions to the fire hall including additional bays, training area, community room and city hall, and shall issue bonds in the principal amount of up to \$2,500,000 to pay for construction of the municipal building improvements. The funds for repayment of the bonds will come from the proceeds of an increase in the City sales and use tax rate (if approved by the voters at this election), and, to the extent not paid from such sales and use tax, from an ad valorem tax on all the taxable property in the City.

City Tickets continued
A “No” Vote: If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be against, the City shall not issue bonds to finance the construction of the municipal building improvements and shall not construct the renovations and additions to the fire hall unless and until such construction and the funding therefore is authorized in some other manner.

Proposal to Increase Sales & Use Tax from 1.0% to 1.5% City of Gibbon, Nebraska
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Shall the governing body of the incorporated municipality - the City of Gibbon, Nebraska - increase the local sales and use tax rate by an additional one-half of one percent (½%) from the current rate of one percent (1%) to a rate of one and one-half percent (1½%) and impose a sales and use tax at the increased rate upon the same transactions within such municipality on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax?

☐ YES

☐ NO

A “Yes” Vote: If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be in favor of increasing such local sales and use tax rate by an additional one-half of one percent (½%) to a rate of one and one-half percent (1½%), then the governing body of such incorporated municipality - the City of Gibbon - shall be empowered as provided by Section 77-27,142 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes and shall forthwith proceed to increase the local sales and use tax rate from one percent (1%) to one and one-half percent (1½%) and impose a sales and use tax at the increased rate upon the same transactions within such municipality on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act.

A “No” Vote: If a majority of those voting on the question shall be opposed to such an increase of the local sales and use tax rate by an additional one-half of one percent (½%), then the governing body of the incorporated municipality shall not impose such a tax increase and the local sales and use tax rate will remain unchanged at one percent (1%).

Additional Information Regarding Proposed Local Sales and Use Tax Rate Increase: Revenues from the increased sales and use tax are available to be used for the general purposes of the City, including the funding of community improvements.

Proposal to Increase Sales & Use Tax By additional ½% to 2% City of Gibbon, Nebraska
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Shall the governing body of the incorporated municipality - the City of Gibbon - increase the local sales and use tax rate by an additional one-half of one percent (½%) from one and one-half percent (1½%) to a rate of two percent (2%) and impose a sales and use tax at the increased rate upon the same transactions within such municipality on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax?

☐ YES

☐ NO

A “Yes” Vote: If a majority of the votes cast upon such question shall be in favor of increasing such local sales and use tax rate by an additional one-half of one percent (½%) to a rate of two percent (2%), then the governing body of such incorporated municipality - the City of Gibbon - shall be empowered as provided by Section 77-27,142 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes to increase the local sales and use tax rate from one and one-half percent (1½%) to two percent (2%) and impose a sales and use tax at the increased rate upon the same transactions within such municipality on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act. The revenue provided from the increased sales tax will be used to fund the cost of such public infrastructure projects as are allowed pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act, including specifically a new fire station to be constructed pursuant to an interlocal agreement with Gibbon Rural Fire District No. 2. To the extent the additional local sales and use tax collected is used to fund the cost of the such projects in the City, increasing the local sales and use tax rate may reduce the amount necessary to be levied against the taxable value of the property located in the City.

A “No” Vote: If a majority of those voting on the question shall be opposed to such an increase of the local sales and use tax rate by an additional one-half of one percent (½%), then the governing body of the incorporated municipality shall not impose such a tax increase and the local sales and use tax rate will not be increased by an additional one-half of one percent (½%). The cost of the new infrastructure projects in the City would then be funded solely through other sources, including potentially a property tax levy.

City Tickets continued

Additional Information Regarding Proposed Local Sales and Use Tax Rate Increase:

Relationship to Other Ballot Measure: At this election, the voters of the City are being asked to approve an increase in the local sales and use tax rate from one percent (1%) to one and one-half percent (1½%). If a majority of the voters do NOT approve an increase from one percent (1%) to one and one-half percent (1½%), then the City will not exercise its authority under this ballot measure even if a majority of the votes approve an increase from one and one-half percent (1½%) to two percent (2%).

List of reductions or elimination of other taxes or fees, if any: There is not contemplated at this time to be any elimination of other taxes or fees should a majority of those voting on such question be in favor of increasing the local sales and use tax rate. To the extent the additional local sales and use tax collected is used to fund the cost of public infrastructure projects, increasing the local sales and use tax rate may reduce the amount necessary to be levied against the taxable value of the property located in the City. Construction of the proposed fire station in cooperation with Gibbon Rural Fire District No. 2 may result in savings and efficiencies to the City as compared to constructing and operating a fire station without such cooperation.

Projects to be funded, in whole or in part, from the revenue collected, along with any savings or efficiencies resulting from the projects: Revenues from the increased sales and use tax are to be used for such public infrastructure projects as are allowed pursuant to the Local Option Revenue Act., including, but not limited to, public highways and bridges and municipal roads, streets, bridges, and sidewalks; solid waste management facilities; wastewater, storm water, and water treatment works and systems, water distribution facilities, and water resources projects, including, but not limited to, pumping stations, transmission lines, and mains and their appurtenances; hazardous waste disposal systems; resource recovery systems; airports; port facilities; buildings and capital equipment used in the operation of municipal government; convention and tourism facilities; redevelopment projects as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 18-2103; mass transit and other transportation systems, including parking facilities; and equipment necessary for the provision of municipal services. The City intends to use the increased sales and use tax to construct a new fire station pursuant to an interlocal agreement with Gibbon Rural Fire District No. 2.

Years within which the revenue will be collected: Since the proposed increased sales and use tax is the portion of the overall rate greater than one and one-half percent and is imposed for the purpose of the interlocal agreement between the City of Gibbon and Gibbon Rural Fire District No. 2, which interlocal agreement is related to public infrastructure projects, there is no stated termination date for the increased tax pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 77-27,142(2) (d).

Interlocal Agreement: The City of Gibbon and Gibbon Rural Fire District No. 2 have entered into an interlocal agreement that created a separate administrative entity for purposes of the agreement, related to construction and operation of a new fire station to be used by the City and by the District. Such interlocal agreement contains provisions relating to the long-term development of unified governance for the fire station project. A portion of the rate greater than one and one-half percent, such portion being at least one-eighth percent (1/8%), is imposed for the purpose of the interlocal agreement.

City Tickets continued

<b>For Kearney City Council Member At Large</b>	
Vote for up to THREE	Four Year Term
Stan Clouse	Jonathan Nikkila
Bruce Lear	Jaden Longfellow
<b>For Ravenna City Council Member At Large</b>	
Vote for up to TWO	Four Year Term
Ritch Havranek	Russ Crowell
Deb Reimers	Richard Douglas

Village Tickets

<b>For Amherst Village Board of Trustees</b>		
Vote for up to THREE		Four Year Term
George J. Day	Harvey Fisher	
Raymond King	Marlan Ideus	
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<b>For Elm Creek Village Board of Trustees</b>		
Vote for up to THREE		Four Year Term
Mike Brown	Davis Miner	Michael Strong
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<b>For Miller Village Board of Trustees</b>		
Vote for up to TWO		Four Year Term
Joe F. Lourenco	Kenneth Ray Shields	
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<b>For Pleasanton Village Board of Trustees</b>		
Vote for up to THREE		Four Year Term
Mike Tracy	Michael Stubbs	Candi Lewis
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<b>For Riverdale Village Board of Trustees</b>		
Vote for up to THREE		Four Year Term
Jim Cudaback	Timothy Pratt	Jeremy T. Johnson
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<b>For Shelton Village Board of Trustees</b>		
Vote for up to THREE		Four Year Term
Chuck Roe	David Doremus	Jeff Oberg

IMPOSING A 1 ½ % SALES AND USE TAX  
VILLAGE OF SHELTON, NEBRASKA

“Shall the Village of Shelton, NE impose a sales and use tax in the amount of one and one-half percent (1½%) upon the same transactions within the Village of Shelton on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, for a ten (10) year period beginning on or about April 1, 2021 and ending on or about April 1, 2031, with one-third (1/3) of the proceeds used to fund general Village obligations for street improvements and infrastructure developments to include drainage and sidewalks?”

☐ YES (for the sales tax)  
☐ NO (against the sales tax)

ESTABLISH AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
VILLAGE OF SHELTON, NEBRASKA

"Shall the Village of Shelton, NE establish an Economic Development Program as described herein by appropriating annually two-thirds (2/3) of the Village one and one-half percent (1½%) sales tax?"

☐ YES  
☐ NO

The terms, conditions, and goals of the Economic Development Program are as follows:

- a. Length of Time the Program Will Be in Existence: The program will be in existence for twenty (20) years for the period of on or about April 1, 2021 to on or about April 1, 2041.
- b. Source and Years Within Which Funds From Local Sources of Revenue Are To Be Collected: Collection of the funds for the Economic Development Program shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the one and one-half percent (1½%) sales and use tax to be collected for a ten-year period beginning on or about April 1, 2021 and continuing until on or about April 1, 2031.

City Tickets continued

c. Total Amount To Be Collected For the Program From Local Sources of Revenue: The total amount to be collected from local sources of revenue for the length of the Economic Development Program is estimated to be a minimum of \$39,277 the first year and \$67,333 each year thereafter. The total amount to be collected for the Economic Development Program is estimated to be at least \$712,600.

d. Additional Funds To Be Sought From Other Non-Village Sources and Bonds: Additional funds from other non-village sources may be sought beyond those derived from local sources of revenue. The Village shall have the ability to issue bonds to provide funds to carry out the economic development program. Additional funds from other non-village sources, such as federal, state, and private grants, will be sought beyond those derived from local sources of revenue.

e. Goals of the Economic Development Program: The goals of the Economic Development Program are to assist existing businesses and to create jobs through new or expanded business and housing development.

FINANCING ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
BY IMPOSING A SALES & USE TAX  
VILLAGE OF SHELTON, NEBRASKA

"Shall the Village of Shelton, NE impose a sales and use tax in the amount of one and one-half percent (1½%) upon the same transactions within the Village of Shelton on which the State of Nebraska is authorized to impose a tax, for a ten (10) year period beginning on or about April 1, 2021 and ending on or about April 1, 2031, with the proceeds of two-thirds (2/3) of the one and one-half percent (1½%) sales tax to be used for the purpose of financing the Shelton, Nebraska Economic Development Program established under the Shelton Economic Development Plan pursuant to the Nebraska Local Option Municipal Economic Development Act, and with the balance of the proceeds to fund general Village obligations for street improvements and infrastructure developments to include drainage and sidewalks, estimated to be approximately \$33,000 annually?"

☐ YES (for the sales tax)  
☐ NO (against the sales tax)

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020  
Lisa Poff  
Buffalo County Election Commissioner

BUFFALO COUNTY POLLING PLACES

inct 1	First Church of God	4310 17 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Precinct 15	Miller Community Hall	322 W Omaha Ave
Precinct 2	1 <sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church	4511 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Precinct 16	Pleasanton Community Center	202 N Sycamore St
Precinct 3	1 <sup>st</sup> United Methodist Church	4500 Linden Dr	Precinct 17	Ravenna City Auditorium	301 Alba Ave
Precinct 4	Good Shepherd Lutheran	1208 E 47 <sup>th</sup> St	Precinct 18	Ravenna City Auditorium	301 Alba Ave
Precinct 5	Exhibit Hall in Extension Bldg	1400 E 34 <sup>th</sup> St	Precinct 19	Amherst Community Center	110 N Main St
Precinct 6	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church	3610 6 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Precinct 20	Prince of Peace Catholic Church	2407 W 56 <sup>th</sup> St
Precinct 7	Activity Center- Harmon Park	3100 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Precinct 21	Colony Acres Community Room	413 1 <sup>st</sup> St, Gibbon
Precinct 8	St James Catholic Church	3801 A Ave	Precinct 22	Gibbon Ward I Faith United Church	203 Garfield St
Precinct 9	1 <sup>st</sup> Lutheran Church	3315 G Ave	Precinct 23	Gibbon Ward II Faith United Church	203 Garfield St
Precinct 10	Exhibit Hall in Extension Bldg	1400 E 34 <sup>th</sup> St	Precinct 24	Shelton Municipal Bldg	219 C St
Precinct 11	Meadowlark Manor	2110 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Precinct 25	Elm Creek Village Center	535 W Boyd Ave
Precinct 12	Activity Center-Harmon Park	3100 5 <sup>th</sup> Ave	Precinct 26	Spirit of Life Church	3148 Dove Hill Ave
Precinct 13	Peterson Senior Center	2020 W 11 <sup>th</sup> St	Precinct 27	Cornerstone Berean Church	1004 30 <sup>th</sup> Ave
Precinct 14	Amer. Legion Bingo Hall	1233 Central Ave	Precinct 28	Riverdale Community Center	221 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave
			Precinct 29	Mtg Room in Extension Bldg	1400 E 34 <sup>th</sup> St